Bible and Daily Living

Vision and voice

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VISION AND VOICE
Lesson for January 15, 1984
Bible Study Passage: Isaiah 6:1-8
Introduction

You have heard it said that God speaks in mysterious ways. We have all had those experiences when we felt God was communicating something to us about himself. Perhaps, for instance, you have walked along a sunburned beach or freshly plowed field at the end of a day. As you walk you feel a gentle breeze and notice a seagull or hawk circling lazily in the sky overhead. There is something so moving as you watch the sun sink slowly behind the trees that you feel compelled to write it down in poetic form or try to capture in in a painting. And if you aren't good at poetry or painting, you will at least try to live out the remainder of the day in the spirit of the wonder around you. All experiences in life are calling to us to make some response.

The story of Isaiah is about how the call of God reached a man and a prophet was born. Isaiah's story can be our story as well, for when God calls us he has something special in mind for every person to do. When the voice comes to us, it comes as a supreme moment alone with God. In that moment we may learn something new about God and about ourselves. It may also be a moment when we catch a vision of God's special mission for our lives.

The Vision Comes [Isaiah 6:1-4]

"In the year that King Uzziah died... "So begins Isaiah's opening account of the vision that came to him. A similar vision may come to us.

In the year that John F. Kennedy died... or in the year that a dear friend died... or in the year a loved one died. In such personal and agonizing moments we may see and hear God's calling.

Isaiah's vision reached beyond the confines of the temple walls. Isaiah saw in his vision the absolute authority of the Lord. The image of the Lord suggests his authoritative control. The mysterious "beings" around the Lord's throne suggests that their role was obedient service unto the Lord. The seraphim worshipped the Lord and served him faithfully.

Worship and service go together. Where worship is weak and neglected, service will likely be weak and neglected. When the worship is ended the service should naturally follow.

Response To The Vision [Isaiah 6L:5-7]

Isaiah's response to what he saw was not one of excitement. He could only see his unworthiness and insignificance in comparison to the holiness of God. In his encounter with God he saw only his moral inadequacy.

In spite of Isaiah's faith, there was still a need for cleansing in his life. In the vision the seraphim retrieved a hot coal from the altar and placed it on the lips of the prophet as a gesture of cleansing. The seraphim reassured Isaiah when he said, "Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged."

To See Is To Do [Isaiah 6:8]

Isaiah felt the pain of his sin, but he also tasted the loving mercy of God. Now he was indeed ready and fit for God's calling to prophetic service. Isaiah willingly said yes to the calling of God, not knowing the full implications of his affirmative response.

"Here am I; send me." What a powerful testimony on the part of Isaiah. His willingness to make himself available to be used by God is a glowing example for contemporary Christians. We often make the mistake of thinking that God calls only those who receive a vision. When we simply say to God, "Here am I: send me," we are making ourselves available for service. That service may take many forms and directions. We can be prophets and missionaries right at home.

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Times-Virginian WORSHIP

Mt. Shiloh news notes

Morning worship services were enjoyed by all attending. Rev. Robert Higgins delivered the message. Many visitors attended the service.

The Usher Board will have a meeting on Saturday at 2 p.m. All members are asked to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tanner of Baltimore, Md., spent the weekend here at their home.

Mr. Luther Abbott, of Baltimore, Md., was guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Turner last week.

Prayer goes out to Mr. Willie Harvey.

Mrs. Celestral Turner ask that prayers go out to her sister, Mrs. Louise Kirkland, of Madison, N.J., who is hospitalized.

Prayers go out to the sick everywhere.

Have a good week.

Food distribution set here

On Tuesday, January 17, 1984, the Appomattox Department of Social Services will distribute surplus cheese and butter. The distribution will be held at the Appomattox Depot on Main Street from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Obituaries

Walker [Pop] Russell Diuguid

Walker (Pop) Russell Diuguid, 74, of Route 3, Axton, died Dec. 25, 1983, in Memorial Hospital, Martinsville.

He was born in Appomattox County Sept. 22, 1909, the son of the late Eugene Turner and Mrs. Maude Oakes Turner. He was a charter member and served as treasurer of Irisburg Ruritan Club, Axton. He was an active member of Irisburg United Methodist Church. He was employed by Doyle Lumber Co. for 10 years and had been a self-employed furniture maker.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anne Thacker Diuguid; two daughters, Mrs. William H. (Joanne) Gravely and Mrs. Bobby (Brenda) White, both of Axton; three brothers, Oakes Turner and Henry Turner, both of Axton, and Joseph Adkins, of Baltimore, Md.; two sisters, Miss Myra Turner of Axton and Mrs. Frances Adkins Moore of Lynchburg; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, at McKee Funeral Home Chapel, Martinsville, by the Rev. Andrew Hoover. Burial was in Roselawn Burial Park.

Mrs. Lillie C. Stevens

Mrs. Lillie C. Stevens departed this life, Jan. 1 at 2:15 a.m. in Lynchburg General Hospital.

She was a former teacher in Appomattox County for a number of years. Following her teaching career, she was employed by Social Security Administration in Baltimore, Md. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens retired in Baltimore but returned to Appomattox where they continued church and community service.

She is survived by her husband, Howard Stevens of Appomattox; two brothers, Russell Claytor of Union, and Robert Claytor of Salem; four sisters-in-law; one brother-in-law; nieces, nephews, a host of other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was held Thursday at 1 p.m. at Galilee Baptist Church, Appomattox, with interment in the church cemetery.

West Funeral Home, Appomattox, was in charge of arrangements.

William Thornton Wright

William Thornton Wright of 1128 Kittery Drive, Virginia Beach, died Monday. His wife is Mary Isabell Wright.

He was a native of Massies Mill, a retired carpenter and a member of Providence Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Peggy Webster and Iris Harris, both of Virginia Beach; two sons, Howard Wright of Newport News and William F. Wright of Tucson, Ariz.; three sisters, Lottie Fonton of Madison Heights, Mary E. Miller of Lynchburg and Margaret Norwood of Appomattox, and eight grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at Providence Presbyterian Church at 1 p.m. Friday with burial in Colonial Grove Memorial Park.

Holloman-Brown Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Promise Land news notes

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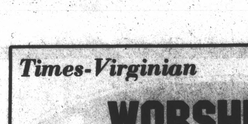

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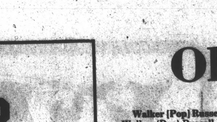

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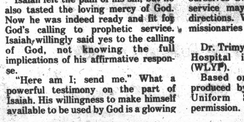

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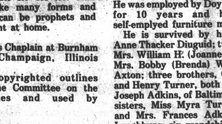

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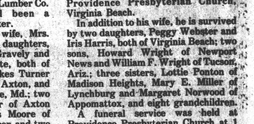

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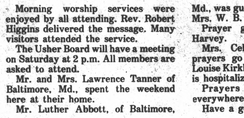

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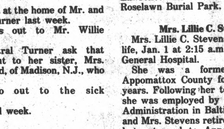

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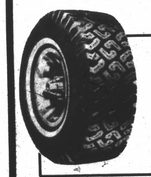

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But fall to Amherst, 63-50

Raiders defeat Bees

The Raider varsity basketball team defeated Brookville 63-47 Friday night, after a 63-50 loss to Amherst last Tuesday evening.

Appomattox played a good game against Amherst," notes Coach Coty Dickerson. "But we made some mistakes, and they have a good team. They took advantage of the mistakes we made."

The Raiders played Amherst close the first half, and the score was tied at the end of the half. Appomattox came out strong in the second half, and went out in front of Amherst for a brief period, but then the Amherst shooters got hot, and almost everything they threw up was good for two points.

Vernon Massey and Roger Ford both scored in double figures for Amherst, with 18 and 12 points, respectively.

Ricky Miller was high scorer for the Raiders, with 17 points. Bobby Carter and Mike Jackson each scored nine points for Appomattox. Timmy Austin scored seven points, Todd Scruggs scored four, and Gary Ferguson and Tyrone Abbitt each scored two points for the Raiders.

"I think the kids played a good game, especially considering it was their first game in 18 days," Dickerson commented. "Playing a team the caliber of Amherst will help us in the long run."

Friday night's contest against Brookville "was not a pretty game," Dickerson said. "We shot the ball poorly and made some mental mistakes."

Brookville came into the game shooting 51 percent from the floor, but the Raiders had little trouble handling the Bees, even with their mental lapses.

"Timmy Austin did a good job at the end of the game when they fouled him trying to force a tournover. He hit six of six freethrows to keep us in the lead," the coach continued.

Austin was the high scorer for Appomattox, with nine points. Tyrone Abbitt had eight points, Todd Scruggs and Mike Jackson had seven each, Bobby Carter had six points and Kevin Ferguson, Ricky Miller, Freddie Lawson and Kinckle Robinson each had four points for Appomattox.

Bill Stanley and Carlton McGaths, with 14 and 12 points, respectively, were high scorers for Brookville.

The Raiders were scheduled to play Altavista Tuesday after the Times-Virginian deadline. Friday night the team will play Liberty at home. The junior varsity game is scheduled to start at 6 p.m., and the varsity game will start approximately 30 minutes after the end of the jayvee game.

The Raider Review

Mid-term exams set to begin this Friday

By LADELL WRIGHT

This week, many parents will be surprised to find their children studying after school. The reason for this is not a sudden interest in classes by the students, but, a sudden realization that mid-term exams are just around the corner.

This years' mid-term exams are scheduled to start this Friday and continue until next Tuesday. The first and fourth period exams will be held on Friday; second and fifth period exams will be on Monday; and third and sixth period exams will be held on Tuesday.

Students will find it necessary to get used to many scheduling changes during exams. One such change will be getting used to spending three hours in one class with only a five minute rest break. Another major change faced by students will be the change in lunch times on exam days. During exams, lunch shifts are determined by the section of the school where the student will have his afternoon exam. Students who have afternoon exams in the 100 section of the building will eat on the first lunch shift; those in the 200 section of the building will eat on second lunch shift; and those in the 300 section of the building will eat on third lunch shift.

Although many scheduling changes will be made because of exams, the homeroom schedule will remain the same. Students will still report to homeroom from 8:45 to 9 o'clock before going to their morning exam.

Many changes will be made for the upcoming exams, but one will definitely remain the same. The majority of the student body will spend the rest of this week reviewing and studying an entire semester's worth of material with hopes of bringing home an "A" on their mid-term exams.

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Times-Virginian SPORTS

Jayvees fall to Bees

The Raider jayvee basketball team lost a hard-fought contest Friday night to Brookville, 67-50.

"Darren Tolley was high scorer for the Raiders, with 18 points. Alex Almond also had a good game, according to Coach John Pettyjohn, scoring 12 points off the bench.

"We played them well in the first half, but in the second half, they started a man-to-man press, and that's when they started pulling away from us," said Pettyjohn.

"Brookville has a smart ball club, and they played well against us," the coach continued. "We started fouling them in the fourth quarter trying to get the ball back, but they were hitting their foul shots. They had an excellent night at the freethrow line."

Pettyjohn says the jayvee Raiders, despite the fact that they have not won a game yet, are "still working hard, and they are showing improvement."

The coach adds that the players "have a good attitude, and they play together well. They're a good bunch of kids."

Volleyball season to start at Forest next Wednesday

The 1983 Raiderette volleyball season is scheduled to begin next Wednesday, Jan. 18, with a tournament at Jefferson Forest High School.

Raiderette Coach Bob Hudson, in his first year at the helm of the volleyball team, says that he has 18 girls on the team this season. Senior returning from last year include Tambra Hamlett, Kim Hancock, Diann Harvey and Kim Shupe. Returning juniors include Sally Coleman and Delores Smith.

Sophomores on this year's team include Sherri Purcell, Priscilla Bryant, Tracey Moore, and Janet Smith.

Ninth-graders playing volleyball this season include Nina Abbitt, Terri Hancock, Aretha Johnson, Dana Lee, Jewel McCoy, Kim Osborne, Monica Stratton, and Rene Wesley.

"We lost a lot of good players from last year's team, which won the district title," Hudson says. "Our team is young, but I think by mid-season we should be very competitive."

Hudson says he feels that Jefferson Forest, Liberty and Altavista should all have strong teams in the Seminole District this season.

Mike Compton named to VCU Dean's List

Mike Compton, a freshman at Virginia Commonwealth University, has been named to the Dean's List for the first semester at that University.

He is attending as a special student in his senior year of high school.

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